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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted for entry and consideration. The Action set a 3 month shortened statutory period for reply, making this paper due December 19, 2006. This reply is timely filed and no petition for an extension of time is required.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.